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The organization of a homemaker's club for mothers under Aid to Dependent Children was presented. The club was sponsored by the Larimer County Department of Public Welfare. Personnel from the department assisted in evaluating a past failure of a homemaker's club and in formulating plans for a second club. A discussion of the failure of the first club aided in planning for the reorganization of the homemaker's club. Some decisions reached were that a public meeting place was needed, transportation of members should be provided, and baby sitters should be available at the meeting place. It was necessary to promote social relaxation among the members, to develop cohesiveness within the group, and to provide subject matter of interest to the group. A questionnaire prepared for and given to members showed that the assumptions were correct regarding place, transportation, and baby sitters. The preferred meeting time was from one to three thirty p.m. on Wednesdays once a month. The desired projects were in sewing, food demonstrations, and home projects.

The first meeting of the second club was a success. Agenda, and questionnaires and answers were appended.

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Conferences with Mrs. Ruth Pierce, Field Work Supervisor, and Mr. Frank Fowler, Family Services Supervisor, Larimer County

Last year, in April and May, efforts were made to develop an Aid to Dependent Children Homemaker's Workshop in Larimer County. After two planning meetings and two group meetings, the planning broke down and no further activity occurred in this area of service to recipients. As a field work project, the student was asked to evaluate why the formation of the club and its ongoing activities were discontinued, if there is interest in reorganizing the club, and if so, to participate as a "doer" in the organization and implementation of the club.

After conferences with Mrs. Pierce and Mr. Fowler, arrangements were made by Mr. Fowler for a meeting to be held in Fort Collins on February 4, 1963, with Mr. Coker, Director, Larimer County Department of Welfare, Mrs. Foster, Supervisor, and the four caseworkers servicing the Aid to Dependent Children caseloads.

Prior to the trip to Fort Collins, the report concerning the previous year's efforts was reviewed with particular emphasis on the planning and organization of the plan and the methods of implementation.

First Planning Meeting at Larimer County Department of Public Welfare, February 4, 1963

Early in the meeting, the discussion was directed toward the experiences of the previous year. From this, several decisions were reached which aided in the eventual planning for the reorganization of the Homemaker's Club. Some of these were:

1. First meeting was planning and organization only with no demonstration or program from which they could gain additional knowledge or skill.

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2. Proposal that meetings be held in their own homes was threatening.
3. Efforts to formally structure the club by suggesting that officers be elected was premature in that the women were not a "group".
4. Problems of child care and transportation discouraged attendance.
5. Too many "authority figures" representing welfare departments were in attendance.
6. In the planning stages, invitations must be extended to at least twice as many persons as expected to attend meetings.

The racial ratio in the original group and the social implications resulting thereof, methods of extending invitations and the implications of the welfare department sponsoring the club were also a part of the discussion.

Throughout this discussion, it became evident that the staff was interested in a club for Aid to Dependent Children mothers. The Montezuma County Sewing Project, the Yuma County Homemakers' Project and the Arapahoe County Homemakers' Project were discussed.

We reviewed the importance of group experiences - how they implement normal growth and development, supplement deprivations in social experiences, provide an outlet for self-expression.

In the course of arriving at the decision to again organize a club, the student identified the role he would play as a "doer" and promised them he would be available at least one day a month through May 1963. The next steps in the organizational planning were discussed and it was agreed that the second planning meeting would be on February 14, 1963 at 1:30 in Mr. Coker's office at which time the student would report on his planning and organization activities.

Throughout this meeting, Mr. Frank Fowler was very helpful in making suggestions and evaluations of the topics of discussion.

House of Neighborly Service - Loveland

On 2-14-63, the student stopped in Loveland and talked with Mrs. Kathy Garrett and Miss Pat Monatt, employees of the House of Neighborly Service. The purpose of the contact was to explore the possibility of their being available to conduct one or more demonstrations in the preparation and use of donated foods. It was known that they had done some work of this nature in Loveland.

Mrs. Garrett stated that because of the method by which the agency is financed (privately financed with limited United Funds) they are restricted to the Loveland area and could not, therefore, participate in a demonstration in Fort Collins. To the student, this agency limitation seems unrealistic.

The opportunity was taken to explore with them their experiences with food demonstrations. On one occasion, they scheduled a demonstration at a school lunchroom and invitations were extended for people to come. People did not attend.

Their next plan was to schedule a demonstration at the Donated Foods Distribution Center on distribution days. The plan was that people picking up donated foods be asked to remain for a thirty-minute demonstration during which some of the donated foods would be prepared and cooked. A very small percentage remained for the demonstration. Also reported was their unsuccessful attempt to secure volunteers from the community that would be willing to assist with cooking demonstrations. There seemed to be no explanation for this except that people are self-conscious and lack experience being before people.

Volunteers were secured who would cook in their own homes and bring food to the distribution center to give away as samples. On several occasions, a display has been arranged at the distribution center and menu-recipe lists and free samples of cooked food were available. Their experience has been

that the menu-recipes are taken but that most people refuse the free samples of food. Possibly, this could be because people do not know who cooked the food nor the sanitary conditions under which the food was prepared. Probably, some of the recipients do not want to be seen at the commodity warehouse and leave as soon as possible.

Attempted Exploration of Meeting Place

On 2-14-63, a contact was made at the Townsend Club in Fort Collins to evaluate their facilities for a meeting place, to determine when the facilities would be available and what would be the charges.

Mrs. Smith, Manager, with whom arrangements would be made, was moving and could not be contacted although two efforts were made. The adult son of Mrs. Smith was located. Although he could not confirm arrangements for the use of facilities, nor could he provide dates of availability and charges, he did report that the fee would not exceed $5.00. The Townsend Club facilities were examined and were found to be very adequate for a donated foods demonstration. The kitchen and kitchen equipment is adequate; meeting room is large for the size of group we plan to have present, but chairs can be rearranged. Also, there is a room where the children can be cared for during the meeting.

The Townsend Club is centrally located in the community and appears to be adequate in every respect.

Attempted Contact with Home Extension Agent

As the House of Neighborly Service in Loveland was not available for the demonstration project, the student went to the Larimer County Court House to the office of Mrs. Payton, Home Extension Agent. The purpose of the visit was to discuss with Mrs. Payton an interest in reactivating the Homemakers' Club, the goals to be attained through the Club for the mothers and their families

and to ask her if she would put on a demonstration for us at our first meeting of the club.

Mrs. Payton was out of town for the day. In the afternoon meeting with the staff at the Larimer County Department of Welfare, arrangements were made whereby Mr. Coker would contact Mrs. Payton.

Second Planning Meeting at Larimer County Department of Public Welfare, February 14, 1963

An agenda, which is appended, was prepared for this meeting. The meeting was scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and began on time.

Those present were: Mr. Coker, Director, Mrs. Foster, Supervisor, and four caseworkers.

A report was made about the contact with House of Neighborly Service, inspection and evaluation of the Townsend Club for a meeting place, attempted contact with Mrs. Payton.

With the momentum developed, it was believed that necessary planning for the first meeting should not be delayed until a return trip to Fort Collins could be arranged. It is also believed that this is an excellent time of year to get the club underway so that it will be easier to transgress the summer period of vacations. Therefore, planning was developed in cooperation with Mr. Coker whereby contacts with Mrs. Payton and arrangements for a meeting place for the first meeting would be arranged. Mr. Coker agreed to notify student by letter of the date, time and place.

We then discussed the other areas of planning by reviewing content of first planning meeting including number of mothers to be invited, transportation, baby sitting arrangements, procurement and delivery of commodities, written invitations, baby sitting arrangements. All of the caseworkers are involved in

some phase of the planning and Mr. Coker volunteered to contact Mrs. Payton.

In agreement with the plans of the first planning meeting, a questionnaire which had been drafted was presented. The purpose of the questionnaire was reviewed and copies of the questionnaire were distributed so each would have one before him for the discussion. Reaction to format, which was requested, seemed very good. In discussing additions and deletions, several excellent program suggestions were received from the caseworkers and were incorporated in the questionnaire.

Evaluation of Meeting

There is a recognition of the values that mothers and their families can secure from a Homemakers' Club and the value it will have in maintaining or improving the public image of the Department. There seems to be some negative feelings among the caseworkers because of the added pressures the club may place on them. It has been recognized with them that planning requires time, however, the student believes the feeling about job pressures has decreased because the present plan is for only one of the caseworkers to be present at each of the meetings. As discussed previously, last year the plan was for all caseworkers to be present. In planning with the staff, it must be recognized that they have had an unsuccessful experience. The student has attempted to emphasize to them the good features of past planning and support them in their interest and suggestions.

Mr. Coker is the most enthusiastic member of the staff and in student's opinion will provide leadership in the development of on-going planning.

Conference with Mr. Frank Fowler, Family Services Field Supervisor for Larimer County, March 4, 1963

On this date the plans as developed were discussed and the draft questionnaire was shared with Mr. Fowler. Several excellent suggestions were made about the

arrangement of the major areas of the program suggestions. Mr. Fowler also called Mr. Coker to determine if a date for the meeting and the program had been arranged. Mr. Coker had dictated a letter on that date.

When Mr. Coker was at the Colorado State Department of Public Welfare on March 11, 1963, the student confirmed that he would arrive in Fort Collins about nine o'clock on Thursday to assist with last-minute arrangements prior to the meeting at 1:30.

First Planned Group Meeting

On the date of the meeting, the student arrived at the Larimer County Department of Welfare at nine o'clock to assist with any last-minute arrangements. Mr. Coker was in a Board meeting when the student arrived so he met with Mrs. Foster, Supervisor. The plans for the meeting were reviewed. Thirty people were invited to the meeting and nineteen are expected. The student then met with Mrs. Payton to review her plans for the meeting and to volunteer to assist her in any manner that he could.

Later in a meeting with Mr. Coker, the student was authorized to make purchases at Woolworth's for paper cups, saucers and other supplies. Mr. Coker reported that the Commissioners have received a full report about the plans for the club to be sponsored by the Welfare Department and are in full accord with the plan to develop a club.

At one o'clock, the student met Mrs. Payton and assisted her in getting the materials and supplies to the meeting place. Upon arriving at the meeting place, the student rearranged the chairs and tables in order that there would be more informality and all would be able to see Mrs. Payton's demonstration.

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 1:30 but was delayed ten minutes because it was known that other guests were enroute as one of the caseworkers was providing the transportation.

The meeting began with a few brief comments by Mr. Coker. He welcomed them to the meeting and expressed the interest of the welfare department in sponsoring a club.

After being introduced by Mr. Coker, the student made certain that all introductions were made. He then discussed the interest in the club, the purposes as seen by the department and the desire to have their suggestions about the club. Emphasis was made that their participation in the club or lack of participation in the club in no way affects the financial assistance which they receive.

Mrs. Payton was introduced to the group. We explained that primarily donated food would be used in the demonstration. Mrs. Payton's demonstration was excellent. She relates easily to people and was able to get two of the mothers to assist her in the preparation of some of the foods. In the student's opinion this was quite an accomplishment as many of the guests were strangers to each other. Throughout the demonstration, Mrs. Payton asked for questions and suggestions from the group as to how they may be using the donated foods.

Mimeographed recipes used in the demonstration were available and distributed to the guests.

During the refreshment period, there was an opportunity for all to mingle but because of the pressure of time this period had to be terminated prematurely.

After refreshments the group was asked if they would be interested in having more meetings similar to todays in which some programs could be demonstrations and others could be activities in which they could all participate. As interest was expressed in more meetings, we explained again that we want this to be their club and to be focused in the areas of their interest. We explained that we have a questionnaire which was developed in order that we could begin by having their suggestions and recommendations. The questionnaire

was explained and instructions were given as to method of completion.

As there was insufficient time to tabulate the questionnaires to determine major areas of interest, the guests were asked to express what program they would like to have for the next meeting. Sewing was the major area of interest (later substantiated by the completed questionnaires). Mrs. Payton was asked if she could assist with the next meeting and she was happy to do so. She suggested that everyone bring scissors, straight pins, pencil, a yard of material and, if possible, pattern. Some of us agreed to bring card tables to ensure adequate work areas.

A discussion of where and when to meet followed. Interest was expressed in the same meeting place. Because of Mrs. Payton's schedule and workloads at the Department, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 1963, at 1:30.

The meeting did not adjourn until about 3:20 which was about 20 minutes late. This discussion, because of time, was completed in an atmosphere of pressure in order that the mothers could be home when children arrived from school. Apologies were expressed for the rapidity with which some of the business was conducted and we promised that at later meetings every effort would be made to adjourn on time.

The student reserved the meeting place for the above date and discussed with the management the proper method of billing the Larimer County Department of Welfare for the use of the facilities.

A brief meeting was held with Mrs. Payton in her office. We reviewed the meeting, discussed plans for the next meeting. Also, Mrs. Payton suggested the names of people in the community which will be excellent resources for future programs.

In the Welfare Office, the Director, the staff and student met to review

the meeting. There seemed to be general agreement that the meeting was a success. We reviewed the planning for the next meeting. It was agreed that baby sitting services would be available again and that transportation would be provided to those needing transportation.

The staff will be in touch with the Aid to Dependent Children mothers to remind them of the meeting time and assist them with transportation or other arrangements.

Evaluation of the Meeting

The meeting began with a great amount of reservation on the part of all. During the demonstration, with Mrs. Payton's skill at working with groups, some participation became evident. Even though people became more relaxed and less formal, there was no group cohesiveness. It is believed that a number of meetings will be required before these people become a group.

Although the original planning with the welfare staff was that one and at most two representatives of the welfare department would be at the meetings, all four caseworkers and the supervisor were present for the entire meeting. In part, their presence is explained by the fact they provided transportation to and from the meeting. With the exception of one caseworker, all remained in the background throughout the meeting. Mrs. Foster, the Supervisor, assisted with the demonstration and one of the workers assisted with the children. There were seven children to be cared for during the meeting.

It will be interesting to see if the caseworkers and supervisor will see a need to stay throughout the forthcoming meetings.

Eight of the mothers in attendance were of Spanish-American descent.

The turnout and participation of the guests at the next meeting will assist in prognosticating the future of the group.

The findings tabulated from the questionnaires are contained on charts in the appendix. Fourteen of the sixteen returned questionnaires. Of the fourteen, twelve expressed an interest in continued meetings, two expressed no opinion; five indicated that child care and/or transportation are problems with which help is needed in order for them to attend meetings; twelve expressed a preference for public meeting places, one preferred that meetings be held in their own homes; one expressed no preference.

Ten of the fourteen expressed the desire that meetings be held one time per month, one two times per month, three no preference. Seven of the fourteen prefer Wednesday as a meeting day and all fourteen want the meetings to be held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The tabulation of areas of interest in the program suggestions was complicated in that not all numerically rated the suggestions; some rated different numbers of suggestions, some used an "X" only to indicate the suggestions in which they were interested. The chart in the appendix, however, indicates that sewing is the major area of interest followed by food preparation and home projects.

The findings from the questionnaire were incorporated in a letter addressed to Mr. Martin C. Coker, Director of Larimer County Department of Welfare.

Supplements for this report will be prepared for attachment as the project progresses.

APPENDIX

Second Planning Meeting

Agenda

I. Review of previous meeting.

II. Report on House of Neighborly Service Contact.

  A. Unavailability.

    1. Reasons for unavailability.

    2. Their experiences with food demonstrations.

III. Townsend Club.

  A. Facilities very suitable for meeting place.

    1. Kitchen and equipment.

    2. Meeting rooms.

  B. Costs.

  C. Future planning to be explored.

    1. Time, dates.

IV. Mrs. Payton, Home Extension Agent.

  A. Absence from town.

  B. Future contact needed.

V. Draft of Questionnaire.

  A. Purpose and format.

    1. Secure reaction.

    2. Secure suggestions - additions, deletions.

VI. Planning for first meeting.

  A. Townsend Club.

  B. Other facilities.

    1. City Recreation Center.

  C. Other areas and delegated responsibilities

    1. Date.

2. Time.

3. Number of mothers.

4. Transportation.

5. Commodities - secure and deliver.

6. Rental payment if needed.

7. Limitations.

8. Housemaker for baby sitting.

9. Contact with Mrs. Payton.

10. Refreshments.

First Group Meeting

Agenda

3-14-63

I. Mr. Colmer.

A. Welcome.

II. Student.

A. Introductions.

B. Purpose of meetings.

C. Introduction of Mrs. Payton.

III. Mrs. Payton.

A. Explain functions of her office.

1. Availability.

B. Demonstration.

IV. Refreshments.

V. Questionnaire.

A. Purpose.

B. Instructions.

VI. Planning for next meeting.

A. Date and hour.

B. Program.

VII. Adjourn.

TABULATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE

Interested in Future Meetings

Yes - 12

No - 0

No opinion - 2

Problems which Affect Attendance

Child care - 2

Transportation - 3

Other problems - 1 (not specified)

No problems - 9

(One listed two problems - child care and transportation)

Type of Meeting Place Preferred

Public - 12

Own homes - 1

No preference - 1

Frequency of Meetings

One time per month - 10

Two times per month- 1

No preference - 3

Day of Week Preferred for Meetings

Monday - 0

Tuesday- 1

Wednesday - 7

Thursday - 3

Friday - 3

Time of Day for Meetings

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. - 14

RATING OF PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Program Suggestions	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	X
You hostessing a meeting											
1. In own home	1				1						
2. Let's talk about you		4									1
3. How to make most of your figure											
4. Hair styles for you					4						1
5. Pretty as you please											
6. To look your best		1									2
Home											
7. Care of Lawns											
8. Housekeeping with a plan			1								2
9. Furniture arrangement			4								1
10. Spring cleaning											
11. Inexpensive accessions for your home				5							
12. Minor home repairs											1
13. Fire safety											1
Serving											
14. Clothes for you	4		1		1		1				3
15. Clothes for children	2				1	4					2
16. Curtains for home						1	4				1
Home medical care											
17. The cold season								1			2
18. Medicine chest contents											
19. First aid						1					
Games											
20. Games for family							1				1
21. Easy to make games											1
Food											
22. Plan and serve attractive meals				2					1		2

RATING OF PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS - Cont'd.

Program suggestions	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	X
23. Salads - how to prepare		1								1	1
24. Low-Cost meats										1	
25. Food for children		2									
26. How to can food				1							2
27. Holiday meats											
28. One-dish meals	1		2								
29. Homemade bread									1		
30. How to plant a garden											2
Shopping											
31. You and your market basket											2
32. Shopping at sales					1			1			

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Larimer County Department of Public Welfare is interested in sponsoring a Homemaker's Club.

Your completing this questionnaire will determine for us whether such a club is wanted and, if so, the types of programs or activities in which you are interested.

PLEASE CHECK ONLY THE SQUARES FOR STATEMENTS TO WHICH YOU WOULD SAY "YES."

☐ I am interested in attending meetings where demonstrations of this type may be given.

☐ I am not interested in attending more meetings similar to today's meeting.

I would like to attend meetings if:

☐ care for my children can be arranged.

☐ transportation can be arranged.

☐ (list other problems) _____

I prefer that meetings be held in:

☐ a public meeting place.

☐ in our homes.

I suggest that meetings be held:

☐ one time per month.

☐ two times per month.

☐ other (specify) _____

Day of week preferred:

☐ Monday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday

☐ Tuesday ☐ Friday

Time of day preferred:

☐ 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. ☐ 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

☐ other (specify) _____

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

PLEASE CHECK, ACCORDING TO PREFERENCE, BY INDICATING IN THE BOXES 1-2-3-4-5.

YOU MAY LIMIT THIS TO YOUR FIRST 10 CHOICES.

YOU

- ☐ HOSTESSING A MEETING IN YOUR HOME - how to be a gracious hostess plus some inexpensive desserts you can serve.
- ☐ LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU - be more attractive by following some simple rules - you will look and feel better.
- ☐ HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR FIGURE - clothes that suit your particular build can do wonders for your figure. The rules are simple and important.
- ☐ HAIR STYLES FOR YOU - give yourself a lift by selecting a hair style especially for you.
- ☐ PRETTY AS YOU PLEASE - selection of undergarments.
- ☐ TO LOOK YOUR BEST - put your best foot forward - posture-wise.

HOME

- ☐ CARE OF LAWNS - how to have a nice surrounding by proper care of your lawn.
- ☐ HOUSEKEEPING WITH A PLAN - housekeeping does not have to be hard work.
- ☐ FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT - you can do wonders for your home by the way the furniture is arranged.
- ☐ SPRING CLEANING - freshen your home for the spring and summer - various cleaning agents and how to use.
- ☐ INEXPENSIVE ACCESSORIES FOR YOUR HOME - how to make accessories to brighten your home.
- ☐ MINOR HOME REPAIRS - light fixtures, water faucet washers.
- ☐ FIRE SAFETY

SEWING

- ☐ CLOTHES FOR YOU - we could do some sewing if you like.
- ☐ CLOTHES FOR YOUR CHILDREN - easy-to-make children's clothing, using remnants.
- ☐ CURTAINS FOR YOUR HOME - how to make attractive curtains.

HOME MEDICAL CARE

- ☐ THE COLD SEASON - how to help prevent colds and care for sick members of the family.
- ☐ WHAT A MEDICINE CHEST SHOULD CONTAIN.
- ☐ FIRST AID.

GAMES

- ☐ GAMES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.
- ☐ EASY-TO-MAKE GAMES.

FOOD

☐ PLAN AND SERVE ATTRACTIVE MEALS - actual preparation of good meals, using low-cost foods.

☐ SALADS - HOW TO BUY AND PREPARE - summertime is salad time - we have some excellent recipies.

☐ LOW-COST MEATS - shopping for good meat buys and ways to prepare.

☐ FOOD FOR CHILDREN - how to prepare and serve meals for small children.

☐ HOW TO CAN FOOD - you can save money by canning - learn the latest information.

☐ HOLIDAY MEALS - holiday season means entertaining - we have excellent ideas for preparing and serving.

☐ ONE-DISH MEALS - save money by preparing delicious casseroles.

☐ HOMEMADE BREAD - A TREAT - how to make homemade bread - you will make a loaf.

☐ HOW TO PLANT A GARDEN - you can help your income by growing vegetables.

SHOPPING

☐ YOU AND YOUR MARKET BASKET - how to buy good-quality food and get the most for your money.

☐ SHOPPING AT SALES - learn to know when a sale is really a sale and to get a true bargain.

WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN YOUR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. PLEASE LIST YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

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If you are interested in some other type of club or club activity, please explain below:

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DEVELOPMENT OF A HOMEMAKER'S CLUB
LARIMER COUNTY, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

WINTER/SPRING 1963

A REPORT FOR THE PARTIAL FULFILLMENT
OF THE REQUIREMENTS
OF FIELD PLACEMENT

SUPPLEMENT I TO INITIAL REPORT

ROYAL H. EDGINGTON

After a few brief comments extending a welcome to those who were not present at the first meeting and welcoming back those who were at the first meeting, the plan for the day's meeting was reviewed. The findings of the questionnaires were shared with the group. Because of the variance of opinions as to the day most convenient for future meetings, a vote was taken among those present. By elimination of days, the vote eventually was equally divided between Wednesdays and Thursdays. It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Thursday, May 23, 1963, at 1:30. On this day, the student can be present.

Mrs. Payton, Home Extension Agent, discussed with the group: patterns, how to purchase remnants, how to determine whether the print on material is on straight, the problems of sheer material and the added cost of additional material when sheer material is used. Also shown to the group were materials cut from patterns and, then, the assembled garment which could be made. This was an effective demonstration, after which a work period was provided for copying and cutting patterns. Some of the mothers brought patterns which they also shared with the group. The case workers present pitched in and assisted the mothers. This was a very busy period, during which there was some pairing of mothers observed. Everyone was very busy until 2:45, when refreshments were served.

During the refreshment period, we discussed what we would do at the next meeting. There was full agreement that it would be a work meeting with the mothers bringing material, patterns, and any sewing projects on which they are working. During the forthcoming meeting, the case workers will assist the mothers with questions and problems that may occur as they work on their individual projects. A survey of the mothers verified that five of the ten mothers have sewing machines. Supplies needed at the next meeting include: sewing machines, extension cords, ironing boards, two-way electric plugs, irons, pencils, pins, and scissors.

Evaluation of Meeting and Planning:

The staff at the Larimer County Department of Welfare has demonstrated its interest in the Homemakers' Club by following through on the extending of written invitations and follow-up contacts, arranging for the baby-sitter and providing transportation. Although they had expressed concern in the early planning meetings that job pressures would prevent them from having adequate time to devote to such a club, there has been full participation and all indications are that they are having a satisfying experience. Their presence at the meetings has been an asset rather than a liability, as originally believed during the planning stages.

The mothers, at this most recent meeting, overtly demonstrated their interest in the meetings. There were expressions of enthusiasm and enjoyment from "doing" during the meeting. There was some evidence of sub-groups forming among the mothers but there is not total group identification. Possible indigenous leadership has not been observed to date. Ethnically, five of the mothers present appeared to be Spanish-American.

As the May trip will be the student's last trip to Fort Collins, planning for the transfer of the responsibilities he has handled will be discussed at a meeting with the Department's staff, and a decision will be made as to who will assume the major responsibility for the Club.

Also, it is important that plans be initiated whereby the Larimer County Welfare Department can get before the general public information about this Club which they are sponsoring.

At nine o'clock, on April 25, 1963, upon arrival at the Larimer County Department of Welfare, a conference was held with Mrs. Foster, Supervisor. She confirmed that written invitations had been mailed to the Aid to Dependent Children mothers to remind them of the meeting place and meeting time. In addition to this, follow-up contacts were made with some of the mothers. The Child Welfare Homemaker would be available for baby-sitting, and transportation for some of the mothers had been arranged.

A contact was then made with the Service Club to be certain that they were still expecting our group that afternoon. Following this, I went to Mrs. Payton's office and we reviewed the plans for the meeting, and I volunteered to assist with the delivery of any materials that may be needed at the meeting.

Upon returning to the welfare office, the Board of Commissioners' meeting had concluded and Mr. Coker was available for a conference. Mrs. Foster and I met with Mr. Coker, at which time the findings from the questionnaires were reviewed, along with plans for the day's meeting. It was agreed that refreshments would be served and would consist of cookies, coffee, and soft drinks. At our first meeting, we had neglected to plan liquid refreshments for the children. Mrs. Foster volunteered to pick up the refreshments during her lunch period.

After lunch, the student took the large coffee urn to the meeting place and spent the remainder of the time before the meeting, approximately one-half hour, setting up tables and rearranging chairs.

Second Planned Group Meeting:

The meeting began about 1:40, which was ten minutes late. The delay occurred primarily because of the need for time for the mothers to get the children settled in the adjoining room with the Homemaker. Three of the ten children at this meeting remained with their mothers throughout the meeting.

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